P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, while waiting to be released by the British after Fort Henry had been bombarded for a day and a night, and being thrilled after seeing, through a rift in the mist, our flag gleaming over the wall, Francis Scott Key, on September 14, 1814, wrote our national anthem "THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER"; and

WHEREAS, our national anthem was written in a moment of acute national stress and expressed, as it does still, the characteristic feelings of our people, who not desiring to provoke war, rose to take arms in defense of the national honor when a crisis required it; and

WHEREAS, our national anthem is now played each evening at flag-lowering in every American fort and garrison and on every American battleship throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harlan J. Bushfield, Governor of the State of South Dakota, desiring in a special way to mark the 128th anniversary of our national anthem, do hereby designate September 14, 1942, as

STAR SPANGLED BANNER DAY

and urge that the schools, civic groups, all public gatherings, and all the people of South Dakota, alone or together, sing our national anthem on that day. I call attention to the last verse which is particularly appropriate since our Nation has been forced to again take up arms in order that free speech, free religion, the right of assembly, the right to a jury trial, and all the other privileges of freedom and liberty in a government of free men shall not perish from the earth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Pierre, this first day of September, 1942.

Governor

ATTEST: Olive A. Ringerud
Secretary of State

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